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ALBANIA

Elections--Albanian Style

Campaigning has begun for the Albanian parliamentary elections scheduled for October 6. The Democratic Front, the party's mass organization, held a meeting last week to map out campaign strategy, and the same day published an "appeal" to all Albanians to vote for the Front's list of candidates. In the last parliamentary elections (September 1970), official announcements claimed that 100 percent of the voters participated and cast 100 percent of their ballots for the Democratic Front slate.

During this campaign, regime treatment of the role the military will bear scrutiny. [redacted]

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[redacted] claims that the subject of political control over the military is a major preoccupation of the current Albanian leadership. [redacted] speculates that the military could play an important role in the selection of a successor to party boss Hoxha. [redacted]

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